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1. SUMMARY. GOM LOS DELEGATION WILL LEAVE FOR MOSCOW TALKS APRIL 16. SOVIET CHARGE BRIEFED PER REF A. MFA LOS OFFICER EXPRESSES SOME DOUBTS ABOUT "SOLIDARITY" OF US-GOM AGREEMENT ON STRAITS ARTICLES. END SUMMARY.

2. MINISTER OF LAW KADIR HELD PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 14
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TO ANNOUNCE HIS DEPARTURE APRIL 16 FOR MOSCOW FOR LOS CONSULTATIONS. KADIR TOLD REPORTERS THAT THE HEADS OF THE US AND UK LOS DELEGATIONS HAD VISITED MALAYSIA AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A MALACCA STRAIT TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME (TSS). THE TSS, HE REPORTEDLY SAID, NEEDS THE APPROVAL OF IMCO BEFORE IT CAN BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED.

USSR, KADIR NOTED, IS ALSO IMPORTANT IMCO MEMBER AND STRAIT USER, THEREFORE IT IS NECESSARY TO GET ITS SUPPORT IN THE MATTER. KADIR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS INTERNATIONAL LAW CHIEF ZAKARIA YATIM AND MFA LOS OFFICER PARAMESWARAN.

3. POL COUNSELOR MET WITH SOVIET CHARGE Y.N. MIAKOTNYKH YESTERDAY (APRIL 14) AND WITH PARAMESWARAN TODAY (APRIL 15). MIAKOTNYKH WAS GIVEN A GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE RESULTS OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S VISIT TO KUALA LUMPUR, SINGAPORE AND JAKARTA PER REF A. COPIES OF THE NOTES, DRAFT INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT, AND PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO PART II ART 42 RESULTING FROM THE K.L. TALKS WERE ALSO GIVEN HIM. HE EXCUSED HIMSELF FROM COMMENTING ON THE IMPENDING GOM-USSR TALKS IN MOSCOW, CLAIMING THAT HE HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF LOS AFFAIRS.

4. PARAMESWARAN WAS ALSO BRIEFED PER REF A, BUT IN GREATER DETAIL. HE HAD ALREADY BEEN APPRISED OF THE RESULTS OF THE JAKARTA TALKS BY OTHER SOURCES AND AGREED WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION ANALYSIS OF MOCHTAR'S CHAGRIN UPON LEARNING OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED IN K.L. HE QUESTIONED SOME OF THE U.S. POSITIONS ON OVERFLIGHT OF ARCHIPELAGOS, CONTENDING THAT THE PROPOSED LIMITS ON MILITARY OVERFLIGHTS WERE PURELY FOR SAFETY AND SEEMING TO SYMPATHIZE

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WITH OTHER INDONESIAN POSITIONS. HE ASKED WHY THE U.S. AND THE U.S.S.R. SHOULD DIFFER ON THIS MATTER, APPARENTLY HAVING BEEN TOLD THAT MOSCOW IS WILLING TO ACQUIESCE TO INDONESIAN REQUIREMENTS. PARAM ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE POL COUNSELOR THOUGHT THAT THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT REACHED IN K.L. BETWEEN TAN SRI KADIR AND AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WAS "SOLID." HE WAS TOLD THAT IT SEEMED PRETTY SOLID TO THE U.S. SIDE, SUBJECT OF COURSE TO GETTING SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER MARITIME POWERS.

5. COMMENT. POL COUNSELOR GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT PARAM EITHER HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT HIMSELF OR IS TRYING TO CREATE SOME UNCERTAINTY IN OUR MINDS TO SPUR US TO FURTHER COMPROMISE ON, POSSIBLY, SOME OTHER ISSUE. THE AMBASSADOR DID NOT GET THE IMPRESSION THAT TAN SRI KADIR HAD ANY DOUBTS ABOUT OUR RESPECTIVE

POSITIONS WHEN HE CALLED ON HIM APRIL 4 (REF C).
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